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Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee
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BRANT MITCHELL
CHAIRMAN
SONYA WILEY-GREMILION
VICE CHAIRMAN

MINUTES
Wednesday March 22, 2011

The Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at The Louisiana State Police Headquarters, Conference Room C & D, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brant Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The SIEC roll call was called by Travis Johnson, and a quorum was established.

The following SIEC members were present and absent.

Committee Members Present	Representing Agency
Brant Mitchell	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)-Office of Interoperability
Mike Gusky (Proxy for Ed Driesse)	Division of Administration
1SG Todd Schumate (Proxy for Captain Alan Dunn)	Louisiana National Guard
Randall Dunaway (Proxy for Chief Mike Knaps)	Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police
Ronald Bourque	Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association
Dawson Primes (Proxy for Tommy Thiebaud)	Regional Parish Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Directors Committee
Jeya Selvaratnam	Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services
Vacant	Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
Woody Glover (Proxy for Bill Vincent)	Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Louisiana Chapter
Frank Jordan	Louisiana Ambulance Alliance
Ken Hughes	Region 1
Billie Grior	Region 2
Lee Hebert	Region 4
William Edge	Region 7

Tracy Hilburn	Region 8
Committee Members Absent	Representing Agency
Sheriff Ricky Edwards	Louisiana Sheriffs Association
Eric Deroche	Region 3
Ken Harlow	Region 5
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion	Region 6
Chief Merrick Tassin	Region 9

III. Approval of Minutes

Chief Ken Hughes made a motion to approve the January 26, 2011 meeting minutes. Chief Ronald Bourque seconded. The SIEC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2011 meeting.

IV. Chairman's Report

A. Opening remarks

Chairman Brant Mitchell began by giving informing the SIEC of a letter that the governor has sent to Senators Rockefeller and Hutchinson endorsing their bill to allocate the D Block to Public Safety.

Chairman Mitchell reported that the Narrowbanding working group has been established. This working group will provide assistance to first responder agencies that are relying on VHF and UHF systems.

Chairman Mitchell reported that Travis Johnson will be participating in the Texas Emergency Management Conference and participating in panel discussions.

Chairman Mitchell gave a summary of the status of the Baton Rouge simulcast project and a new site to be located in south Baton Rouge. The Simulcast will sites will be the Lobdell, LSU, and West Baton Rouge sites.

Chairman Mitchell reported that he and Ken Hughes have been selected to serve on the FCC Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Chairman Mitchell reported that the Tait radios have been approved for use on LWIN.

Lastly, Chairman Mitchell reported BP has approached the state with the possibility of donating VHF and UHF radio equipment to the state. If the

donation occurs, the SIEC Technical Subcommittee will be charged with formulating a plan for the distribution of the equipment.

Chairman Mitchell's report can be found on the LWIN website at the following link:

<http://www.lwin.la.gov/interop/docs/Presentation%20-%20Chair%20Report%20-%20March%202011.pdf>

V. Statewide System Maintenance

Terry Waggenpack provided an update on Infrastructure, system statistics, subscriber statistics, and system coverage. Mr. Waggenpack's report can be found on the LWIN website at the following link:

<http://www.lwin.la.gov/interop/docs/Presentation%20-%20State%20of%20LA%20System%20Mar%202011.pdf>

VI. Sub-Committee Reports

A. Technical Sub-Committee

Jeya Selvaratnam stated that the capacity expansion project is underway and going as planned. He also stated that the system upgrade to version 7.9 will take place on April 11 and will take two weeks. The system database will be locked down beginning on Friday March 25.

B. Policy and Planning Sub-Committee

No report.

C. Budget and Finance Sub-Committee

No report.

VII. Old Business

No report.

VIII. New Business

A. OEC Presentation

Dan Hawkins, Region 8 Regional Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Office of Emergency Communications, and the services that they have to offer. The presentation can be found on the LWIN website at the following link:

<http://www.lwin.la.gov/interop/docs/Presentation%20-%20OEC.pdf>

B. FEMA Presentation

Greg Boren, FEMA Region 6 Disaster Emergency Communications Coordinator, gave a presentation on the FEMA DEC program. The presentation can be found on the LWIN website at the following link:

<http://www.lwin.la.gov/interop/docs/Presentation%20-%20FEMA.pdf>

IX. Public Comments

No public comments

X. Adjournment

Billy Grior made a motion to adjourn. Lee Hebert seconded the motion. The SIEC voted unanimously to adjourn.

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	Name	Organization
1.	Wes Edge	Caddo/Bossier GOTTSEP R7
2.	Jay Wagner	DPS
3.	Woody Glover	ST Tammany Can Dist
4.	R Dunaway	BAKER PD -LACP
5.	Tracy Hilburn	OUACHITA OEP
6.	DAN JOHNSON	GOTTSEP
7.	Ron Schulz/Kamp	LCE
8.	Paul Murphy	GOTTSEP
9.	Randall Bourgeois	LFC
10.	Frank Jordan	La Amubatare Allee
11.	Benjamin Bourgeois	Gottsep
12.	Todd Shumate	LANG
13.	Thommy Meche	DPS / LSP
14.	Lee Hebert	Acadia P. OITSEP
15.	Dan Haukine	U.S. DHS OEC
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